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It appears, from a Dallas special to the Galveston News, that work on the Missouri Pacific extension will be pushed both ways from Fort Worth. The Missouri Pacific will be built from Fort Worth to Belton where it will connect with the Santa Fe road, while that road will be extended westward to connect with the Texas and Pacific six miles east of Abilene. In Taylor county, instead of at Fort Worth.

A London dispatch says that a party of English bicyclists will start for New York on the first of March for the purpose of visiting the principal cities of the United States on their machines. A drove of bicycle riders entering a New England town will create almost as much excitement as a man would were he to ride in mounted on the back of a live alligator. In a Texas town an organ grinder and a monkey gets up an excitement.

A bitter fight is anticipated over Reagan's inter-state commerce bill. The railroad companies all oppose it and will have a large lobby present to defeat it, and for this purpose many will be used without stint. We do not pretend to say that congressmen can be or will be bribed—such a thing has been done in the past; it may be done again. That legislation can be influenced by money is a notorious as well as shameful fact.

Referring to the proposition establishing a state insane asylum the News in reply to the BANNER remarks that "intemperance is doubtless a disease, but it is one of the mental and moral as well as of the physical system. The victims are only a little removed from the classes who receive the care of the state in its asylums for the unfortunate." It says the chief objection to inebriate asylums is their want of success thus far.

The Houston Telegram says: Two western congressmen, Price of Iowa and Ryan of Kansas, have come to the assistance of Galveston by the introduction of a recent bill appropriating \$1,000,000 to deepen the channel over the bar into the harbor of Galveston for admission of steamers drawing twenty-six feet of water. This they regard as a national necessity for many reasons, and there is every evidence of the early passage of the bill, which comes nearer to the consummation of the hopes of those interested in deep water at Galveston than any previous bill before congress.

Lovers of scandal, says the New Orleans Times, will be delighted to learn that Governor Sprague has made a full statement concerning the notorious Sprague-Conkling divorce suit, now pending in the courts, in which he declares his intention of publishing to the world the entire history of Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague, the crowning iniquity of which, he affirms, is her relationship with Senator Conkling. He states further that he will never agree to a compromise, or to having the divorce proceedings continued privately. This is a nice, pleasant way for a man to talk about the woman he has sworn to love and cherish.

The Galveston Journal favors Maxey for the senate in preference to Throckmorton saying: "He belongs to a most dangerous class, when we look into the future, and reflect upon the inevitable contest that must come, that may indeed be near at hand, between corporations and the people. The question is, yet to be decided—whether government, State and national rule corporations; or shall corporations rule government? Mr. Throckmorton is a corporation lawyer—alleged by interest and conviction against commonwealth interest where that interest conflicts with corporate interest."

We think the reasoning of the Journal is eminently correct and that Mr. Throckmorton should not be chosen.

## A Narrow Gauge Railway.

The Dallas Times says Waco should be proud and happy as the merchants of St. Louis have subscribed a million dollars towards building a narrow gauge railroad from St. Louis to connect with and make a part of the St. Louis and Texas Narrow Gauge railroad. The merchants of St. Louis have set still, like a darkey on a crank, angling for catfish, while Jay Gould has been up and doing, and has secured control of both the trunk lines leading to this state. The merchants, finding themselves at the mercy of a gigantic combination and being anxious for the trade of this state, have in a measure been compelled to do something for their own relief, and to accomplish this they now propose building a road of their own. Should this project ever be carried out, we predict that the narrow gauge railway will, in a year or two after its completion, be taxed to its utmost capacity, to accommodate the immense business that it will have, and may in a few years be compelled to put down a double track like the great Pennsylvania Central road.

## Death of Judge Edwin Waller.

The Austin Statesman, of the 6th inst., contains an obituary notice of Judge Edwin Waller, who died in that city recently at the age of 74 years. His life, says the Statesman, was devoted to Texas and "he deserves a prominent place among the hills, that will last for all time to come." He died at Austin on Monday, the 3rd instant. The Statesman closes its notice as follows: "Here, in the prime and vigor of a young, and buoyant and brave manhood, he delighted to contemplate the existence of a city. To his beloved Austin, after nearly forty years of residence in another portion of the state, he wended his way again, as he said, to die. And so Judge Waller passed away, another taken from the little existing band of brave men who fought and bled for Texas, the last of whom will soon be gathered to the eternal camping ground."

## Jones.

The particular Jones to which the caption of this article refers is, Hon. George Washington Jones, member of congress from the fifth congressional district of Texas. Considerable has been said about the part taken by our member of congress, Jones, in the disgraceful scene in the house of representative at Washington between Sparks and Weaver. The Washington Capitol, a reliable democratic paper edited by Donn Platt and A. C. Buell, two as reliable gentlemen as there are in the country, devotes considerable space in its issue of December 26th, 1880 to "Parliamentary Pugilism" in which it gives a lengthy account of the courtesies between the two gentlemen mentioned above. We have not room to reproduce the entire article. It appears that after the lie was passed and Sparks and Weaver were making toward each other, they were caught and held by mutual friends. We leave the two in the hands of their friends, swearing at each other and quote from the Capital: "The tumult grew fearful, wild noisy and disgusting. Howls, cat-calls, laughter, oaths, shrieks and shouts from dignified members of, 'Oh hell! let them go!' 'Give the old men a chance!' 'Let them fight it out!' added to the pandemonium. At this moment a tall, spectral figure, gaunt and unkempt, wearing a resemblance so startling to the late Blue Jeans Williams that all thought the resurrection had put in its appearance, straddled over the seats, and loosed itself near an exit door, tore off its coat, revealing a very dirty shirt, a broken pair of suspenders, and a black patch on a gray base, and in a thin, rasping tone, growled out the fearful announcement, 'Ef there's going to be a fight I want to take a hand.' It was Jones of Texas, and its awful request half quieted the mob. But it was not until the graceful Phil Cook of Georgia cried out patriotically and respectfully, 'Trot out the American eagle!' that peace became prevalent."

A couple arrived in San Francisco on a bridal tour. They took rooms at a hotel and at night the bridegroom informed the bride that he was "broke." He said the best thing for them to do was to take laudanum and die together; she consented and the two took the contents of a bottle. The man died and the woman recovered.

GEN. SHERIDAN has received advice of the surrender of Sitting Bull on the first instant.

## The Railroad Problem.

At a meeting of the New York chamber of commerce on the 6th inst the special committee on railroad transportation submitted a long report which was adopted. It sets forth the importance of proper legislation to regulate railroad charges. It discusses the railroad bills now before congress, known as the Reagan bill and Henderson bill, and urges the necessity of encouraging competition and preventing the organization of pools and combinations. It shows that an advance in freights of 5 cents per 100 pounds upon the grain crop of the west is equal to an export tax of \$75,000,000, which comes out of the pockets of the producers. Resolutions were submitted favoring the passage of inter-state commerce laws by congress and for railroads exclusively within the jurisdiction of a state, similar action should be taken by the legislature of that state. Another resolution fully endorses the Reagan bill now before congress.

The opinion of so respectable and well informed a body as the chamber of commerce of the metropolis of the United States, should carry great weight, and it will no doubt be approved by all similar bodies throughout the entire country. Nearly the entire commerce of the country is dependent upon railroad transportation and the issue will finally have to be made between the people and the railroads. It will be, are the railroads built for the people, or are the people created for the benefit of the railroads. At present it seems that the people have no rights that the railroads are bound to respect, as they control nearly the only means of moving the crops from the west to the Atlantic seaboard they can by a combination raise the price of freight as to tax western grain producers to the extent of \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 on a single crop of grain. The producers as individuals are powerless to cope with so great a monopoly as a combination of all the roads leading eastward. No one would claim that it is just to put the railroads under such a restriction as to make the moving of grain unprofitable. The object sought to be accomplished is to prevent the railroads taking undue advantage by making combinations. In the several states legislation is needed to prevent discriminations against certain points and the charging of greater rates for short than for long hauls. The subject is an intricate one and one that is at this time attracting great attention. Railroads are, of course, all opposed to legislation.

COL. J. W. FISHBURN, president of the Texas press association, informs the Houston Bohemian club that the next meeting of the association will be held in Houston, that city being the choice of a majority of the papers, and suggests August as the proper time for holding the meeting. In this we disagree with Col. Fishburn and would suggest May, about the time of the volkfest, as the most suitable season for holding the meeting. In August Houston will be hot and dull and there would be but little pleasure at that time.

The New Orleans Democrat says: The fight between the Louisville and Nashville and the Adams express companies has terminated in the sale of the former to the latter concern. The new arrangement will go into effect February 1, when the outfit of the Louisville and Nashville company will be turned over to the Adams and Southern companies, which will divide its routes.

The degree to which the national debt has been drawn out of the hands of foreign holders is not the least remarkable of the many marvellous things that have been accomplished during the last few years. It is calculated that only \$6,814,450 of our 4 per cents, out of a total issue of \$528,100,950, are held abroad, and only \$5,187,550 of the total \$170,280,000 of 4-1/2 per cents.

PALESTINE is to be the queen city of Texas. A party of eastern capitalists are now there in the interest of the Sabine Pass and Division railroad. At Palestine \$25,000 was subscribed should the road be built from Palestine to Sabine city, 150 miles north. This road, with the Texas Trunk railway, is to make Palestine the queen city of eastern Texas.

## GARFIELD AND THE DEMOCRACY.

Certain persons and papers are wondering what will be the attitude of the democratic party towards the Garfield administration. One suggests that it should be conciliatory, another that it should be boldly and blindly aggressive, a third that the party should stand off and sulk like a whipped child, and yet others propose that the democrats, especially those in the south, should abandon their organizational together, and become allied, as early as practicable, with the republican party of the north, which thereby hopes to fortify itself by extending its power territorially. We object to each and all of these plans. The true policy of the democratic party is to stand firmly together on the broad platform of loyalty to the constitution, on which they have ever stood, and bide their time. They have everything to gain by the dissensions that are likely to spring up, and grow, and strengthen in the ranks of the opposition, while they have everything to lose by sympathizing with those dissensions to the extent of leaving their own ground of principle, and abandoning their own organization, to ally themselves with and be merged in either one of the factions into which after the inauguration of Garfield, the republican party will probably soon be divided.

It is to be wished, of course, that the democratic party shall give the incoming administration all the support and encouragement it can, as a party, consistently give it, in the direction of national unification, peace, and prosperity, but no democrats, north or south, need apostatize from their own party and its principles in order to strengthen president Garfield in a conservative and conciliatory policy towards the south, as well as in all such measures as may conduce to the welfare of the whole country. To go further than this is not demanded by patriotism, and, therefore not necessary. The democratic party, from its original formation a hundred years ago, under the leadership of Thomas Jefferson, has always been loyal to the government. Its devotion to the constitution, strictly construed in behalf of popular liberty and the expressly reserved rights of the states, has been conspicuous, constant and uniform. The democracy have always sustained sound constitutional legislation and executive action, whether in power or in opposition, and, we hope, always will. They have ever held it right and dutiful to uphold the federal authority in every just, wise, and lawful measure. Beyond that they have not gone, and should not now be tempted to go.

Mr. Garfield, as chief magistrate of the United States, will owe much more to his official obligations, and to his personal character in history, than he now owes, or even can owe, to any political party. As far as he shall do what is right, what is legal, what is strictly within his functional jurisdiction he will entitle himself to the confidence, approval, and support of the whole people, irrespective of party divisions, and to that extent democrats may sustain him without fear or reproach or hope of favor.

If, however, he shall act otherwise, if he shall disregard the high and solemn responsibilities of his position, and shall weakly sink them, as well as all respect for his character as a man in vain and inglorious effort to promote any selfish aims of his own in seeking popularity by false and vicious expedients, then he should be firmly opposed by all true patriots, and the democrats should never attempt to conciliate him by proffers of support in any such course. They would compromise their integrity as a patriotic party by trying to coax the president to do what is right, and what it is his sworn duty to do, by appeals to his ambition.

The future is full of hope for the democracy. Events are preparing the way for the re-institution of the government to its just principles. Mr. Garfield may, if he will, administer the government worthily and wisely; but the democratic party can afford to wait for the result, what ever it may be, without in any degree compromising its integrity and independence. Let the new president, if he will, come to them. But let them not, at the sacrifice of the smallest title of principle or honor, to him. In this republic all political coalitions that are not founded in an honest attachment to the great fundamental doctrines of popular government, are false, and those who join in them are inevitably doomed to be condemned and repudiated by the people.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The loss of sugar by the late freeze is put down at twenty-five per cent. in some of the parishes in Louisiana.

THE Houston Post remarks that Abe Rothschild has not yet started out on a lecturing tour.

THE question of managing county public schools is one that seems to be attracting some attention.

FLORIDA, according to the census returns has a population of 266,566, of whom 125,317 are colored.

NEW YORK is shortly to have a line of steamers to Bordeaux, France. The trip is to be made in twelve days.

ACCORDING to the census returns the population of Kentucky is 1,648,590, of these 271,522 are colored.

THE question now is, what federal office will ex-governor Pease of Texas be given by the new administration.

THE Sherman Chronicle says they may all swear off as much as they please, so long as they don't swear off advertising.

THE Houston Age man says we never miss the money till the purse runs low. Perhaps he speaks from experience.

THE legislature of Connecticut was organized at Hartford by the republicans on the 5th inst. Gov. Biglow was sworn in.

P. T. BARNUM, the great showman, has lost over fifty pounds during his illness. His physicians still have hope of his recovery.

THE project of using the Great Eastern for the purpose of transporting cattle from America to England has been abandoned.

THE new ice factory in course of erection at New Orleans will turn out about 25,000 tons of ice annually, and employ about seventy-five hands.

THE Greensboro Patriot, the oldest paper in North Carolina, was sold the other day. The new management continue the publication as usual.

MR. RUST, late editor of the Guadalupe Times, takes leave of his readers in a two column article. They are, no doubt, glad to get rid of him.

SENATOR JONES, of Florida, agrees with Senator Pugh, Jones and Lamar that the solid south is still very far from dissolution and disintegration.

JUDGE W. B. WOODS has arrived at Washington, taken the usual oath and has taken his seat on the bench of the supreme court next to justice Bradley.

THE jail at Louisa, C. H. Va., was burned the other day by a negro, the only prisoner, who made his escape. The building was nearly new, and cost \$5000.

As soon as a member of the legislature arrives at Austin he is pulled on the senatorial question, and booked for Maxey or Throckmorton, as the case may be.

It appears from a special to the News, that judge Edwin Waller died at his home in the country near Austin last Sunday and not on Monday as was stated.

THE Houston Age is of the opinion that there are entirely too many divorce suits in the courts, and that the cause of it is, that divorces are too easily obtained.

THE nomination of ex-governor Davis to be collector of the port of Galveston has been sent in to the Senate. It is not known whether he will be confirmed or not.

THE Jefferson Democrat can't perceive why either the Galveston News or Houston Post can speak of Ex-Governor Davis as an honest man. It can see no honesty about Davis.

THE Denison and Sabine Pass railroad is about to be revived. Eastern capitalists, with temporary headquarters at Terrell, are about to commence operations on the recently surveyed line.

THE colored Cuban citizens residing at Key West have held a mass meeting and declared that the recent uprising of the negroes in Cuba is not a war of races. They also condemn the action of the Spanish press.

SOME of the papers contend that Gen. O. O. Howard, the Christian soldier and Indian fighter, has been appointed to the command of West Point for the express purpose of aiding in the vindication of cadet Whitaker.

COL. JAMES H. DUNCAN, of Indiana is going to Austin and will be a candidate for doorkeeper of the house of representatives. He is a Texas veteran and has been a member of the legislature several times.

THE Brazoria Independent, while it is a little "off" on Wash Jones, has a level head on other matters. It thinks the legislature should take action regarding legal advertising, especially sheriff's and delinquent lax sales.

THE Cuero Bulletin contains a lengthy editorial on the vice of gambling and it concludes that the law is impotent to suppress it. Moral suasion and the proper training of youth, it says, is the only means of reaching the evil.

THE Sherman Chronicle has corialed a machine poet. Here is a specimen of his grist: "Thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just; dead sure to fall is he who is on a bust." This is far from beautiful, but it has the merit of being true.

THE papers in Nevada are kicking against the appointment of a chaplain to the legislature at a salary of \$5 a prayer. The papers out there complain that the money would be thrown away as the prayers would be wasted on a majority of the members of that body.

ONE of the Hindoo nautch dancers recently brought to New York by Augustine Daly, has been made a happy mother at the early age of twelve years. The young aboriginal, as the boy baby is called, will become historical, being the first Hindoo child born on American soil.

TILDEN continues to confound his enemies who pictured him a year ago as a palsied old man tottered on the very verge of the grave by making money hand over fist in a way that is most conclusive evidence that his brain-box is in the 'best of order, as well as his cash-box.

FROM 1869 to 1872, R. K. Scott was republican governor of South Carolina and a very prominent man in that state. He is now in an Ohio jail on the charge of murder, and not a republican sympathizes with him.

THE Board of education has decided, unanimously, to recommend to the legislature that the office of superintendent of education be established, but declines to recommend the institution of the office of county superintendent of public schools.

TWENTY miles of the St. Louis and Texas narrow gauge railway between Corsicana and Waco are now under contract and men are at work along that distance. They expect to reach the McLennan county line in a short time.

THE St. Louis Post-Dispatch makes the announcement that the gambling halls of that city are in full blast, running night and day, and that they are as easy of access as the stores. It is estimated that at least \$10,000 is dumped nightly into the tills of the gamblers of that city.

NEAR Muftreesboro, Tenn., a band of masked men called on Henry Miller, colored, to whip him for alleged arson. Henry refused to come out and be whipped, but instead took up his shotgun and firing on the party killed one, named Newman.

THE Houston Post is of the opinion that there are entirely too many reversals by the court of appeals. It is not disposed to reflect on the court, but is of the opinion that the law is at fault. There are too many technicalities in the law by means of which the criminal manages to escape. The meshes of the law are too large.

THE superintendent of construction and the chief engineer of the Missouri Pacific were in Waco on Thursday making a personal inspection of the situation. They think the road will be built through if the right of way and depot grounds are guaranteed. It is thought that satisfactory arrangements will be made.

THE LaGrange Journal of the 6th inst contains the valedictory of Maj R. H. Phelps and the salutatory of Mr. Lewis R. Bryan, who mounts the editorial tripod. THE BANNER hopes that its friend Bryan may find the editorial path strewn with flowers, and wishes him unbounded success in his new undertaking.

SENATOR MAXEY and Hon. W. Throckmorton were in Austin on Friday.

JOHN HENRY BROWN reports to the Dallas Herald that since last October, at a point forty miles north of Fort Worth and for many miles around, a queer rumbling sound, like that of a train in the distance, has been heard. No one has been able to account for the strange phenomenon. The question is, does it indicate an earthquake.

COL. J. W. PARAMORE, the originator of the St. Louis cotton compress works and the projector of the St. Louis and Texas narrow gauge railroad, was, a few days ago, presented by the members of the cotton exchange and others with the most costly present ever given a merchant in that city. The gift was a magnificent silver tea service costing \$2500.

THE talk about making Gen. W. F. Wickham of Virginia secretary of the navy under Garfield is another example of the all-saving grace of republicanism. The confederate brigadier is an unpardonable offense in politics, so long as he is a democrat, but when he is sugar-coated with republicanism the "truly loll" swallow the dose without ever making a face.

It is estimated that an expense of \$6,000,000 in the jetty system will make ten feet of water all the way from Cairo to New Orleans. The bill before congress has been trimmed down to \$1,600,000, but even if no more than this sum be given it is claimed by the friends of this Mississippi river improvement scheme, that its value will be so well recognized as feasible, that the necessary amount will be obtained in the early future.

THE subscription for the \$7,500,000 bonds and stocks of the Mexican national railway company has just been closed in New York. Next week the Northern Pacific syndicate will offer \$20,000,000 of their bonds and there is every reason to believe that the amount will be promptly taken. It appears that capitalists are eager to invest in any project that promises a more remunerative income than Government securities.

THE Galveston Journal replies to a colored man who said he did not like the paper because it was down on the colored people. The Journal says this colored man runs a barbershop and is patronized by a hundred southern men to one northern man; yet, on election day he goes to the polls and votes against the southern men; and, when he gets into trouble or wants a favor done he goes straight to the southern man for assistance. Such is human nature.

A NEWS reporter interviewed a party of gentlemen who were in Galveston en route to Sabine Pass. He was unable to obtain any direct information, but it is inferred, says the News, that the attention of capitalists is attracted to the pass as to the extent of inquiry and research. A charter was secured at Austin some months ago for the Division and Sabine Pass railroad, and the gentlemen mentioned are making the investigation in the interest of the capitalists interested in the Division and Sabine Pass railroad.

GAMBLING is right or wrong according to the manner in which it is carried on. A raffle or games of grab for the benefit of the church, or speculating in cotton and grain futures is considered to be perfectly legitimate and eminently respectable, but to bet on a game of cards or the turn of the dice is denominated gambling. In either case it is—gambling; simply changing the name does not in the least change the moral aspect of the matter. That gambling in any manner is right no one claims, but it is one of the frailties of human nature.

MEMBERS of the legislature who of favor Throckmorton, are it would seem, from a dispatch to the News, setting a trap to catch Galveston's weakness—deep water, and in favor all legitimate efforts by the state and her representatives in congress for improving Galveston harbor; they contend that to be conservative in the senatorial race, and according to their vocabulary, to be conservative they should vote for Throckmorton for

—There was snow at Brazoria last week.  
—The Galveston oil mill is now in full operation.  
—Calvert had an elopement the other day—no names given.  
—On Tuesday morning the snow was three inches deep at Denison.  
—E. Blum's store at Waco has been seized and closed by the sheriff.  
—The Dallas papers say that the trains on the Central road are never on time.  
—Kyle, the new town on the International, west of Austin, is said to be booming.  
—Bill collectors in Denison on Monday reported that they got many a stand-off.  
—Rowell Bros. saloon and dance house at Whitney was burned on Friday morning.  
—During the recent cold spell an aged colored woman froze to death in the streets of Sherman.  
—The cotton gin of Col. R. K. Sledge, near Kyle, was burned on the morning of the 2d instant.  
—The city election in San Antonio comes off on Monday, the 10th inst. Much interest is manifested.  
—About one-quarter of the town of Lockhart was burned on the 5th inst—all the north side of the town.  
—The Denison News records the killing of two black tailed deer within three miles of Denison on new years day.  
—At Ferris, Ennis county, the other day, three stores and a barroom were burned. The entire loss is about \$4100.  
—E. J. Sharkey, a bad man, was arrested at Dallas the other day on the charge of shooting at his wife with a pistol.  
—At San Antonio colored female servants are becoming independent and impudent. One tried to thrash her mistress the other day.  
—At San Antonio the case of Gorman, who killed Munis at Graytown, in December, has been continued till the March term.  
—Work is soon to commence in earnest at the mouth of the Brazos. Mr. Kanters, the engineer is putting up buildings for tools, etc.  
—Near LaGrange John Taylor's nine-year old girl fell head foremost into a well forty feet deep. Although injured it is thought she will recover.  
—Charley Stone, a colored boy, was playing with an old rusty derring, in Dallas, the other day. He has a hole in his stomach and will soon be an angel.  
—George Lawrence the man who killed Thomas Ray at Field's store, a day or two ago was arrested on Wallace's prairie on the 5th inst., by sheriff Tom McDade.  
—M. K. Crawford, colored, elected tax assessor of Marion county, was unable to make his bond, and the commissioners court appointed J. E. Cocke to fill his place.  
—The road bed of the Dallas and Wichita railroad between Denton and Whitesboro, is ready for the iron and ties. The road will be completed and trains running by February.  
—A special from Waco to the Houston Post says that Ed. S. Lockett says he has been wronged and misrepresented. He has probably the same complaint to make against Brenham and Houston.  
—Father Martar, who for a brief time was stationed at Brenham, has taken charge of the Catholic church at Dallas. The death of father Chambodut, at Galveston, has made a good many changes in the priesthood in various portions of the state.  
—Ed. S. Lockett, whose departure from Waco was chronicled the other day, has put in an appearance at Dallas. He is now going to sue the Galveston News for \$30,000 damages for publishing the Waco special announcing his departure from that town.  
—McKnight, the man who killed two men at one shot of a pistol at Belton, last fall, has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$5000. It required only a few minutes to make up the bond. About twenty witnesses were examined and the case was submitted without argument.  
—At Denison on Christmas evening, the three year old son of J. M. Sheeder, fell upon a hot stove, severely burning the left side of his face and back of his left hand. The parents are hopeful that the little fellow will recover without serious disfigurement.  
—Shotguns are serviceable at times. In Dallas the other night an irate father succeeded in preventing the elopement of his daughter, who was about sixteen, by firing on the couple.

## STATE NEWS.

—The mayor of Houston the other day had a whole bevy of colored nymphs up before him. He fined them \$1 each omitting the costs attachment. They paid the fines promptly.  
—Jim Kennedy, a railroad laborer, committed suicide at the house of his sister, in Houston, by cutting his throat with a dull case knife. He was crazy drunk at the time.  
—Perry Dobbin, the man who was elected constable of the LaGrange beat at the last election, was under bond to answer several indictments for theft and jumped his bond. He was recaptured at Dallas, taken back to LaGrange, and will, in all probability be sent to Huntsville.  
—The Austin Statesman says: "He was from Brenham and of course was determined to take in the city regardless of cost." In the evening this party found himself at Bell's varieties dead broke. He raised \$200 by getting Bell to cash a bogus check. Bell and the officers are looking for the Brenham flannaker.  
—Hurrah! hurrah! exclaims the LaGrange Journal. LaGrange is a railroad town. On the 31st of December the first train arrived. There was great excitement and crowds of people. Although the railroad has only been at the town a week the place is putting on a new appearance, dozens of strange faces are seen on the streets, hotels are full and everything is on a boom.  
—Accompanying the Denison firemen on the excursion to Gainesville, were three boys aged about twelve years and rigged in full firemen uniform. They stood on a corner in Gainesville smoking five-cent cigars, when one of them remarked—'eight finer stores here than in Denison.' The Register ventures to suggest that the Denison boys get to be men at a very early age.  
—Author Rose was a fast young man in San Antonio; his receipts were considerable less than his expenditures. His last official act was to get away with the receipts of a ball before that adventure he had made away with money that he collected for other parties. Rose had a weakness for variety theatres and variety actresses. He is not the first young man who has fallen in a similar pit.  
—We learn from Mr. I. Slover of Wise county, who was in town on Tuesday, that Oliver Reid, a prominent farmer of that county, living near Eldorado, had his residence destroyed by fire on Christmas morning. The fire was caused by the careless use of fireworks, with which his little boys were amusing themselves. The house was a very fine structure, having been built recently erected at a cost of about \$5000.—Weatherford Herald.  
—A row occurred in a saloon at Henrietta on Tuesday in which James Curtis was shot and killed by a man named Van Rice. It seems that they had some words at the bar about taking a drink, both drew pistols and opened fire. Curtis was shot three times and died in less than ten minutes. Rice also received three balls and is mortally wounded. Curtis was a member of the firm of Curtis & Bros, who owns a herd of 27,000 head of cattle in the Panhandle.  
Pistols, with the whiskey accompaniment, still manage to get in their work.  
Fashion Notes.  
The latest importations in broadcloth velvets display figures that are considerably longer than those given in the fall goods. The demand for broadcloth velvets of all colors is so great that it is rather difficult to fill the orders.  
Weddings among the elite take place more frequently at noon than at night. It is fashionable to have the ceremony performed at the church if the bride and groom are Catholics or Episcopalians, and if not the marriage is frequently celebrated at the bride's home.  
At a recent afternoon reception there were seen eight toilets that imitated furniture effects in the style of goods, and also in the modeling of the costumes.  
"The bell pull" festoons are certainly odd and devoid of all beauty, yet they find favor, simply because they are novel in character.  
There are some very pretty curtain or window dressing effects given in mode toilets. This fashion admits of the finest materials manufactured. A suit of this class made by Pinget has the combination of a deep blue plush and satin of a deeper hue with garniture of silver tassels. At the pleating of Languet the modes for this season are greatly improved. There is no on claim to be made.